MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. Padmanabha Aiyangar, a First Grade Vaccinator, was in charge of the Nagercoil Circle in the leave vacancy of the permanent officer of the Circle. He was on cholera duty from the 1st Edavam 1103 to the 11th Chingam 1104 and Mr. S. Vasudeva Aiyar, also a First Grade Vaccinator, succeeded him as Acting Sanitary Circle Officer and continues to be in charge of the Circle on cholera duty.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) During one of the inspections of the Sanitary Commissioner in Chingam 1104, it was found that Acting Sanitary Circle Officer Mr. Padmanabha Aiyangar was not quite up to the mark in conducting the preventive measures. He was immediately reverted to his substantive post and a suitable substitute sent in his place. Preventive measures conducted at present are quite satisfactory.

Cholera and the Sanitary Department.

176. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the passage "The methods adopted at present in fighting out cholera are in most cases primitive and unscientific and are therefore inadequate to meet the requirements of the situation especially when the disease assumes unmanageable proportions. Large sums of money are spent in trying to control the heavy mortality caused by this disease in pursuing a policy of locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen", that occurs in the departmental Administration Report of the Sanitary Department for the year 1102, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any up-to-date and scientific proposals to avert and check this epidemic have been formulated and placed before the Government by the Sanitary Department;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same in view of the passage quoted above; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will lay the same on the table together with a statement showing the nature of the action taken in the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government have invited the co-operation of the Rockefeller Foundation for the formulation of measures for the prevention of all disases, including cholera, which are prevalent in the State. The Foundation has provisionally accepted the invitation and forwarded a tentative programme of public health to be worked out at the joint expense of the Government and the Foundation. The scheme will be actually worked out after the arrival of the officers of the Foundation.

(*b*) and (*c*). In view of the above answer, these questions do not arise.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In view of the passage already quoted in the interpellation, may I know whether any scheme or proposal was submitted by the Sanitary Commissioner for the consideration of Government?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was on the recommendation of the Sanitary Commissioner, that the Government have invited the co-operation of the Rockefeller Foundation. The answer says so.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The answer does not say whether definite proposals were made before the Government by the Sanitary Commissioner, or the recommendation was simply, the matter has to be considered. I want to know the nature of the recommendation made by the Sanitary Commissioner to the Government.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): His recommendation was to form a Health Department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): No definite proposals were made by him as to how the problem has to be investigated.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He might have stated some details, but that scheme was not accepted. Government wanted to get further information on the details to be worked out.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether, till now, any investigation was made with regard to this matter either by the Sanitary Commissioner or by any member of the Rockefeller Foundation.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Two officers of the Foundation visited some places in the State. The Foundation has forwarded a progrmme of work and as stated in the answer further action will be taken after the arrival of the officers of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Vallikavu-Vawakavu Road.

177. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the inhabitants of Perinad and Kulasekharapuram pakuthies of the Karunagapalli taluk, praying for gravelling the Vallikavu-Vawakavu road;

(*b*) if so, what they have done with the petition; and

(*c*) whether the need for this road was ever the subject of any representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly or any interpellation in the Legislative Council?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The subject was represented at the 22nd and 23rd Sessions of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, and the members concerned have been informed that the Government have dropped the idea as the cost is prohibitive.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): With reference to answer to parts (*b*) & (*c*) I want to know whether Government know that it is necessary for active traffic and communication that the road should be gravelled?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The improvement of the road may be useful. The cost of gravelling is too prohibitive and immediately the road could not be taken up.

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